



2683 Receive Degrees Today

170 Seniors Graduate With Honors

Nearly 170 of the more than 2680 students who received degrees today were graduated with honors.

Those graduated with honors included 127 who received bachelor degrees and 41 who received associate degrees.

Lois DiJoseph, elementary education major from Jenkintown, was the class valedictorian; Ronald Reinhard, a pre-medical major from Coopersburg, was salutatorian.

Students with a 3.4 or better average out of a possible 4.0 were



Reinhard Miss DiJoseph

accorded special honors. Those with an average of better than 3.8 were graduated "with highest distinction"; those with averages of 3.6 to 3.79, "with high distinction"; and those between 3.4 and 3.59, "with distinction."

The following received honors: **Baccalaureate Degree Recipients**

With highest distinction: Bernice Bongiorno, Phyllis Breisch, Louis Brody, Lois DiJoseph, Darla DuRoss, Alan Elms, James Fawcett, Elizabeth Floegel, Arthur Furman, Bradlee Kavan, Donald McCreary, Charles Meck, Margaret Orchard, Melanie Schlapak, Robert Vijuk.

With high distinction: Elaine Baker, Vernon Barger, Barbara Benner, Susan Borchers, Donald Chuprun, Harold Crecraft, Car-

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Dickson Receives Teaching Award

11 Recognized For Excellence

By BILL JAFFE
Managing Editor

Dr. Harold E. Dickson, professor of history of art and architecture, was presented the University's Superior Teaching Award at commencement exercises today.

President Eric A. Walker presented a plaque and a check for \$1000 to Dickson, who has been teaching history of art and architecture for 37 years.

Citations for excellence in teaching were also presented to 11 other members of the faculty. They received \$100 awards.

The awards were established, Walker said, "to recognize outstanding service, encourage superior teaching, and advance the cause of higher education generally."

Dickson, a native of Sharon, received his bachelor of science degree in architectural engineering from Penn State and his master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from Harvard.

He began teaching at Penn State in 1923, the year after his graduation, and he has done extensive research on the history of early American art. Many articles on his research have been published in various professional journals.

Much of his research has been concerned with Pennsylvania art and has led to the publication of "A Working Bibliography of Art in Pennsylvania," "A Hundred Pennsylvania Buildings," and "Pennsylvania Painters."

This is the third year that a Superior Teaching Award has been presented at commencement. Dr. Kent Forster, professor of European history, was cited last year and in 1958 Dr. Kinsley R. Smith, professor of psychology, was the winner.



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Citations for excellence were presented to:

- John W. Breneman, professor of engineering mechanics since 1922.
- Dr. Walter Coutu, professor of sociology since 1944.
- Hazel F. Daniels, assistant professor of elementary education since 1950.
- Dr. Norman C. Deno, associate professor of chemistry since 1956.
- Charles C. Dillio, associate professor of mechanical engineering since 1947.
- Gilma M. Olson, associate professor of foods and nutrition since 1939.
- Dr. Reed T. Phalan, associate professor of business law since 1950.
- Dr. John H. Schanz, Jr., associate professor of mineral economics since 1948.
- Dr. Isador M. Sheffer, professor of mathematics since 1929.
- Charles M. Speidel, professor of physical education and head wrestling coach since 1927.
- Dr. James E. Wright, Jr., professor of genetics since 1949.

Graduating Class Largest in History

By DENNY MALICK
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The largest graduating class in the University's 105-year history received their diplomas during commencement exercises today.

The size of the class brought about elimination of a commencement speaker and the traditional academic procession of all degree candidates.

Only advanced degree candidates appeared in the procession.

A total of 2683 received diplomas including 1967 receiving bachelor's degrees, 247, master's degrees, 61, doctoral degrees. Associate degrees were conferred on 460. Last year's graduating class numbered 2385.

The increased number of graduates necessitated scheduling of the University's first "triple" commencement. Exercises were scheduled for all candidates at 10:30 a.m. in Beaver Stadium. However, plans called for three separate ceremonies in case of inclement weather.

Only one exercise was scheduled indoors until 1950 when the growing enrollment forced a split into two separate ceremonies whenever inclement weather occurred.

The inclement weather schedule this year called for three services—10:30 a.m., Colleges of Engineering and Architecture, Mineral Industries and all associate degree recipients; 1:30 p.m., Colleges of Agriculture, Education, Home Economics and Physical Education and Athletics; 3:30 p.m., Colleges of Business Administration, Chemistry and Physics and the Liberal Arts.

A change in University policy last year eliminated a main speaker in order to cut down on the length of the graduation service.

Reed Ferguson, director of University relations in charge of the exercises, said: "We felt it was more important to maintain the graduating part of the exercises."

He explained that the increased size of the class especially those receiving advanced degrees meant a much longer ceremony. It was decided that cutting out the speech would allow more time for ceremonies involving the degree recipients.

As a part of the ceremony, (Continued on page three)

1st Coed Gets Commission In AF Reserve

The University today commissioned the daughter of an Army sergeant as the first coed to qualify through the ROTC program as second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserves.

Beth Ann Boltz received a commission together with 166 other ROTC seniors.

The procession of cadets to receive commissions began at 8:40 a.m. and the Rev. Preston N. Williams, acting chaplain at the University, opened the program with the invocation.

Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, gave the commissioning address, followed by the oath and acceptance of commissions by the cadets.

Administering the oaths was Col. E. B. Richie, professor of military science and tactics; Col. Robert E. Smith, Jr., professor of naval science, and Col. O. H. Rigley, Jr., professor of air science.

The commissioning marks the completion of a four-year course in the Army, Navy or Air Force program. Each was graduated with a bachelors degree in addition to the commission.

Seventy-two men were commissioned second lieutenants in the Army Reserve, and 36 men and Miss Boltz received officer bars in the Air Force Reserve.

The Navy commissioned 48 ensigns, 19 of them in the Regular Navy and 29 in the Navy Reserve. Three were commissioned second lieutenants in the Marine Corps and seven in the Marine Corps Reserve.

600 Join Alumni Assn.; Srs. May Enroll Today

Seniors have been joining the Alumni Association in record numbers during the membership drive which will close today.

New association members among the Class of '60 topped the 600 mark this week. This is more than 100 over the number which had joined by commencement time last year.

The alumni office in 104 Old Main will remain open this afternoon for those who wish to join under the special senior rates. The

Associate degree recipients are eligible to join the Alumni Association and will receive the same services accorded to bachelor degree recipients.

Those who received associate degrees and have not joined the association may do so under special Class of '60 rates by reporting today to the Alumni Office in 104 Old Main.

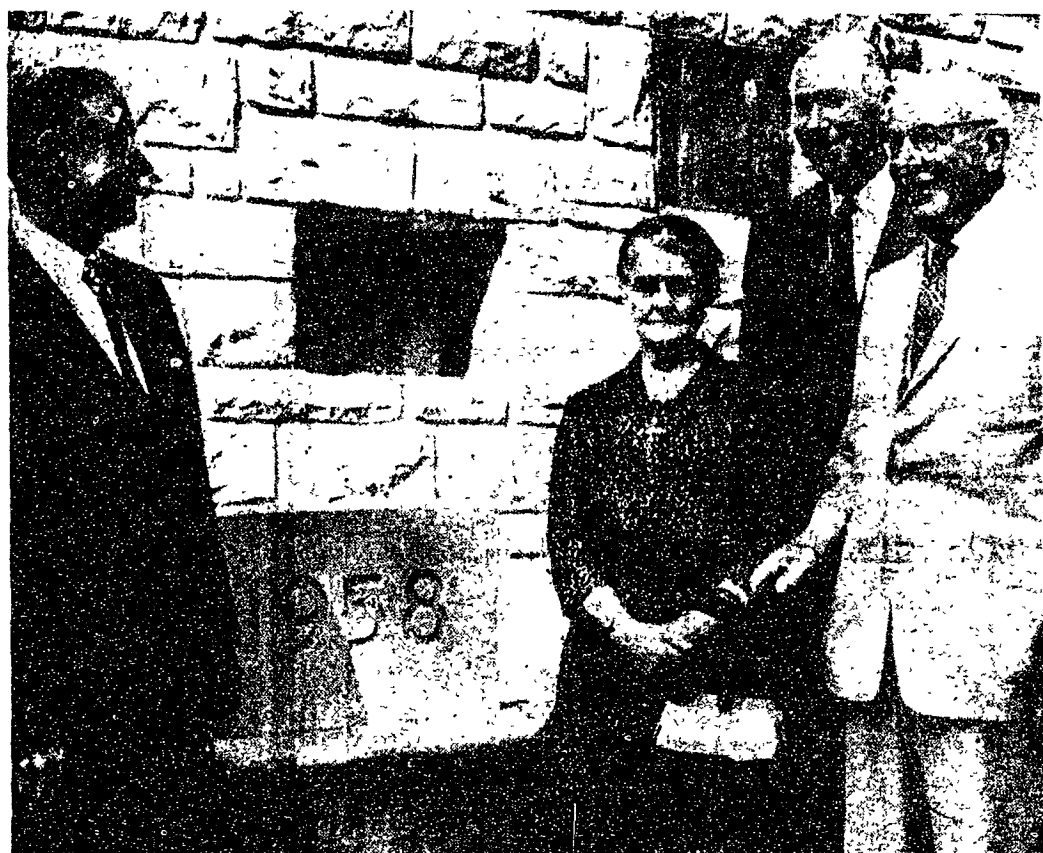
office will remain open until 3 p.m. unless inclement weather forces graduation exercises inside.

In the latter case, the office will not close until 5 p.m.

Under the special rates which end today, a member of the Class of '60 may join the association for \$2 for the first year or \$70 for a life membership. Regular rates are \$3 for one year and \$75 for life memberships.

Ross Lehman, assistant to the executive secretary of the association, said that the drive was "extremely successful." He credited the success to the "outstanding job done by the class agents."

The drive for senior membership began in mid-May with solicitations by some 150 agents chosen by the individual colleges. (continued on page two)



LAYING OF THE CORNERSTONE of Hammond Engineering Building took place last week. Participating in the ceremonies were (l. to r.) President Eric A. Walker, Mrs. Harry P. Hammond, widow of Dean Hammond, for whom the building was named; Dean Merritt A. Williamson, of the College of Engineering and Architecture; and James B. Long, president of the Board of Trustees.